

Gourdacious Patch

Northeast Georgia

February 2008

Next Meeting: February 1, 2008 10:00 a.m.
At the **Habersham Senior Center**
In Demorest, Georgia

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Directions to Habersham Senior Center:

217 Scoggins Drive, Demorest, GA 30535 706 776-7768

185 north from Atlanta to 985 (veers to the left) to Gainesville, 985 will turn into 365 just north of Gainesville. Travel approx 25 miles to mile marker 47. Exit left at the traffic light onto Demorest/Mt. Airy Road. Turn first right. Go to the end of the road (keep to the right at the split). The senior center is the last brick building on the left.

Hello,

I hope everyone is staying warm and dry. I do believe winter is here.

Our January meeting was GREAT. We had several attend our meeting at the Habersham Senior Center which is a great location. Sharon Fowler helped us get our antique bowls finished and what lovely work everyone did. Sharon is always so gracious with her supplies as well as with her knowledge. Thank you, Sharon, for a great job and for being so wonderful.

We were glad to have Agnes Woods back with us. We hope some of our other members who have been away for a while can get back with us.

Everyone present paid the \$10.00 membership fee and we hope many more of you will be able to attend soon and join us.

We voted at the end of the meeting and it was decided the future meeting place for Gourdacious Patch (until further notice) will be the Habersham Senior Center. The directions were in the last newsletter and are given again below for your convenience. If you have questions, feel free to contact Anna Johnson at annaherm@bellsouth.net.

In February, Madge Sala will teach us how to make some Woodland guys. It's amazing what she can do with banana gourds and Das clay. Her information is given below, but if you have questions, please contact Madge at madges1@excite.com.

Do remember to bring a snack or some lunch if you think you'll get hungry and/or thirsty because there is nowhere at the center to get food.

Take care, and I hope to see lots of you the first Friday in February. Grab a friend and bring him/her along.

Also, start making plans for the March meeting when Charlotte Durrence will travel a long way to teach us how to do the Gretchen rim.

Sincerely,
Gail Justus
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February Project – Clay Woodsmen
Taught by Madge Sala

1. Banana Gourd
2. DAS air dry clay
3. White glue
4. Palette paper
5. Rolling pin or bottle of water with smooth sides
6. Lid from a small spray can to cut circle.
7. Dremel or hand held drill with small bit or an Awl
8. Craft wire or jute to use as a hanger
9. Toothpicks

Antiquing medium to stain the Woodsmen after it is dry
Members, if you do not have or can not get these items I will provide a kit for \$5.00.
If you need a kit – please contact Madge and let her know.
Hope to see you all there. This is a fun project!

We held a group discussion during the Jan Meeting and decided that we would not continue "Birthday Raffle".

Gourd Tip:

Don't wet top and bottom of gourd after cutting because they will shrink and not fit together again.

Treasurers Report:

Year Ending Balance \$700.94

Meeting Schedule: First Friday of each month except: June and July.

Charlotte Durrence will be teaching the "Gretchen Rim for our March Meeting - it should be great fun!!!

Pictures from January 2007 Meeting:



Members working hard on their bowls.



Finished Antiqued Bowls



Sharon teaching the antique bowls

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Membership Application

Name _____
Spouse _____

Street
Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Birthday (month & day) _____

E-Mail
Address _____

Membership is \$10.00 per year (Jan. 1st through Dec. 31st)
Make check out to *The Gourdacious Patch*.

With application, hand-in or mail to:

Barbara Hoelzel - 210 Hermitage Rd. - Greenville, SC 29615-1805

